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Evening Brief

Date: Sunday July 8, 2018

Weather Summary

***** Storms spread further north into northwest UT/northeast NV/Southeast ID on Monday.*****

A mix of wet and dry storms will continue over central and eastern Utah will transition to wet this evening and Monday.

A strong area of high pressure is building over the central U.S. for increasing temperatures region wide. Maximum temperatures will be 10-12 degrees above normal with highs near 100 degrees across central and northern valleys through early next week.

Subtropical moisture is moving into the Great Basin around this ridge for increasing thunderstorm coverage over most of Utah and far eastern Nevada through early next week. These storms will begin dry before transitioning to wet from southeast to northwest over the next few days.

High Risk for Lightning begins to shift into Nevada and northern Utah into Monday, as well as parts of far southern Idaho (see map and matrix).

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	3	Moderate Initial Attack Activity
National	3	New Fires and Acres: 35 fires for 802.4 acres; 166,055 acres large fire growth

Great Basin Fuel Status [interactive link](#) (Use Edge, Chrome or Firefox browsers)

Fuels and Fire Behavior advisories have been issued for [Nevada](#) and [Utah](#)

Fire Potential

Sagebrush live fuel moisture values are near record lows for the time of year over eastern and southern Utah and a small area of far western Idaho. Elsewhere across the geographic area the sagebrush live fuel moisture values are closer to normal or even above normal for early July, but have peaked and are on the downward trend rapidly due to recent hot/dry weather.

Fire danger values have lowered slightly, but are still above the 90th percentile over almost all of southern/central/eastern Utah and between the 80th-90th percentiles over southern/eastern Nevada into northern Utah. These ERCs in most of southern, central and eastern Utah are near or above record levels for the time of year, with ERCs in eastern Nevada beginning to approach record levels for the time of year in some areas. However, the continued higher humidity as scattered wetting rains over the southern and eastern portions of UT and the AZ Strip will minimize any ignitions from growing rapidly.

The significant carryover fuels from 2017 in western/northern NV into parts of southern ID/western UT, along with rapidly drying new grass growth will be the main contributing factors to fire spread throughout early July until the sagebrush fuel moisture drops to critical levels.

Current Incident Details

****fires occurred previous night, not previously reported**

Todays Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
North Hilltop **	2018-UTSCS-180244	2.6	Controlled 07/07/18	39.73597	111.4771	GHMA
Dog Valley **	2018-UTSW-000318	0.3	Not Contained	38.11828	112.4296	FWS-PAC
Eagle Sink **	2018-UTCCD-000320	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	37.06985	112.1402	NO
TwoMile **	2018-IDCTF-000069	146	Not Contained	42.16181	112.2157	NO
Border **	2018-UTSES-008170	0.1	Controlled 07/07/18	37.96994	109.045	NO
Taylor Lane **	2018-UTSES-008171	0.1	Out 07/08/18	38.62093	109.3924	NO
Upper 80 **	2018-UTSES-008172	0.1	Out 07/08/18	38.60483	109.3802	NO
Porcupine **	2018-UTMOD-008173	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	38.60004	109.3794	NO
DJ FIREWORKS **	2018-UTNES-100203	0.4	Controlled 07/07/18	40.93355	109.3968	NO
SOUTH ROCK **	2018-UTSLD-000444	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	40.70798	112.684	NO
Magpie	2018-UTBRS-000445	0.1	Not Contained	41.23445	111.6265	NO
DUZI	2018-IDBOD-000472	5	Not Contained	43.96019	116.5013	NO
Masonic	2018-NVEFKX-030328	1	Not Contained	38.69366	119.5434	NO
North Fork #2	2018-UTNWS-000447	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	40.39673	111.5877	NO
North Fork #3	2018-UTNWS-000449	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	40.3955	111.5844	NO
North Fork #1	2018-UTNWS-000446	0.1	Not Contained	40.38558	111.5805	NO
Hidden	2018-NVELD-040068	0.1	Not Contained	38.87683	114.12233	NO
Great Western	2018-UTCCD-000322	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	37.05657	112.1624	NO
RA 7 ADA CO	2018-ID1AX-000475	280	Not Contained	43.75909	116.2777	NO
EAST SEEP	2018-UTNES-100204	5	Not Contained	39.78133	109.16517	NO
Parashant Canyon	2018-AZASD-000327	0.1	Contained 07/08/18	36.36551	113.3925	NO
Moon Rocks Area	2018-NVSFC-030330	0.1	Not Contained	39.84861	119.7408	GHMA
Buckskin	2018-UTCCD-000325	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	37.05796	112.1616	NO
Milk Ranch	2018-NVELD-040069	0.8	Not Contained	38.55861	114.705	FWS-PAC
Box Canyon	2018-UTUWF-000448	3	Not Contained	40.57406	112.6367	NO
Chokecherry	2018-UTSW-000326	0.1	Not Contained	38.05864	114.0037	NO
James Canyon	2018-UTMFC-008175	0.1	Not Contained	39.64889	111.212	FWS-PAC
Mokaac	2018-AZASD-000330	350	Not Contained	36.89833	113.6142	NO
Ensign	2018-UTSCS-180251	1	Not Contained	38.76027	112.4473	NO
Mile 9	2018-WYBTF-001804	0.2	Not Contained	43.12884	110.8666	NO
Yellow Cat	2018-UTMOD-008176	0.1	Not Contained	38.94164	109.5899	NO
LEE	2018-UTNUC-000454	0.1	Not Contained	41.31267	111.9239	NO
Robert Hollow	2018-UTNES-000453	5	Not Contained	41.03513	111.5066	PHMA
Manning	2018-UTSLD-000455	0.1	Controlled 07/08/18	40.27633	112.1404	NO
North Cotterel	2018-IDEIS-000164	0.1	Contained 07/08/18	42.55677	113.494	GHMA

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)